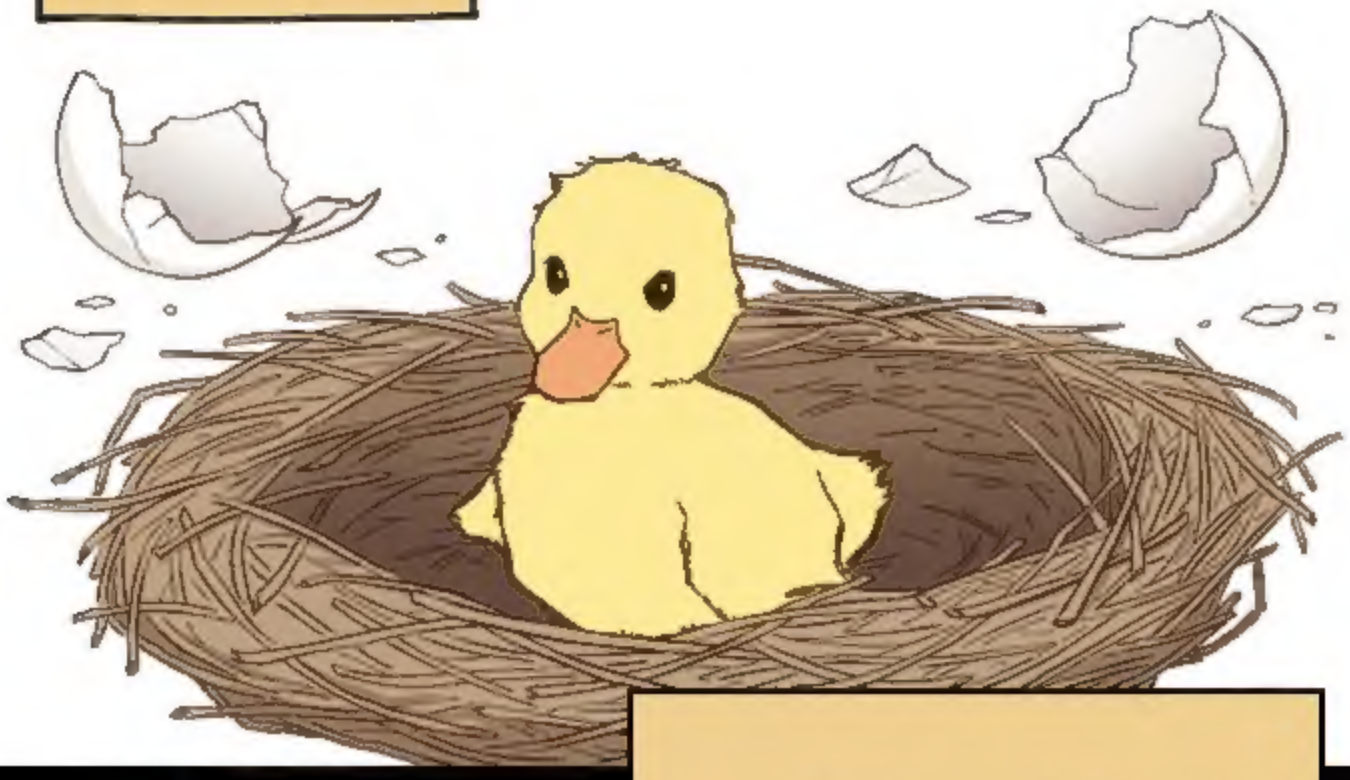
THEY SAY BABY DUCKLINGS...



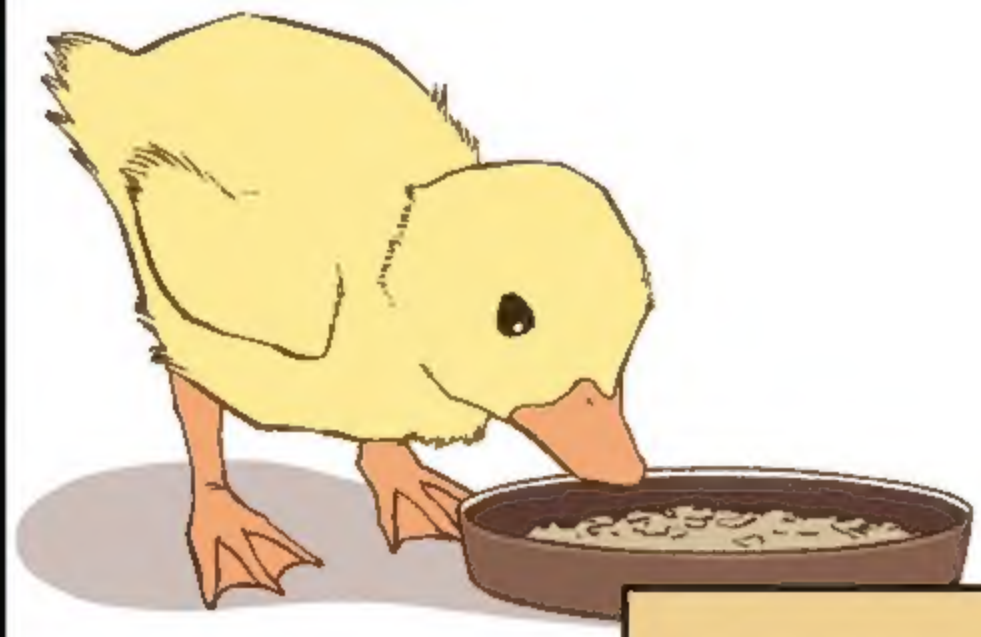
...IMPRINT ON THE FIRST THING THEY SEE RIGHT AFTER HATCHING, AND FOLLOW THEM AROUND FOR LIFE.

BUT
I'M NOT YOUR
MOTHER...

...AND I DON'T
HAVE THE MEANS TO
TAKE CARE OF YOU.

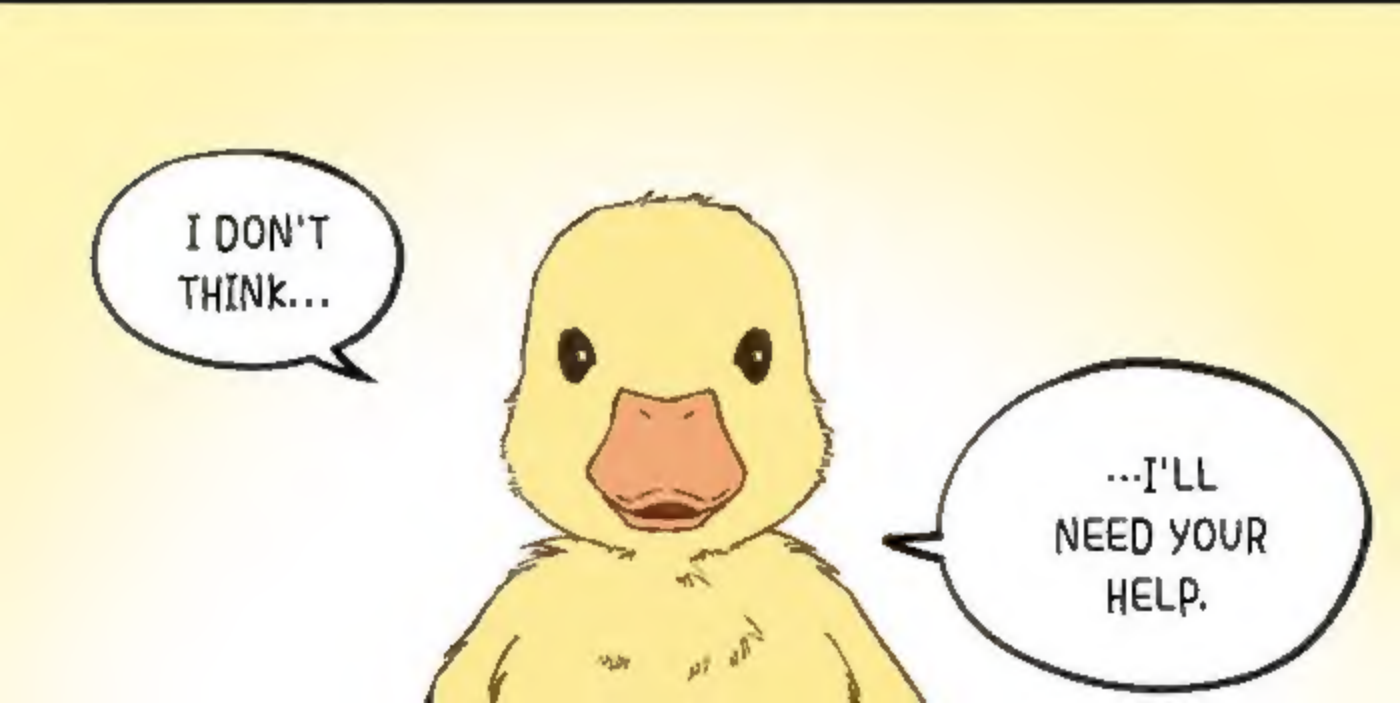
YET YOU STILL
FOLLOW ME AROUND
WITHOUT A THOUGHT TO
MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS, BUT I CAN'T JUST ABANDON YOU...



...SO I BIT THE BULLET AND DECIDED TO KEEP YOU WITH ME.

AND NOW THAT I'VE STARTED TO REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU...


I DON'T THINK...
...I'LL NEED YOUR HELP.

HUH...?

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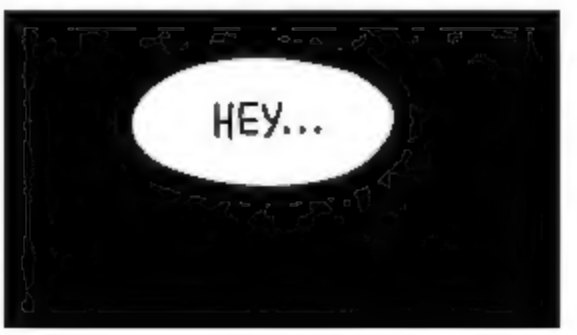
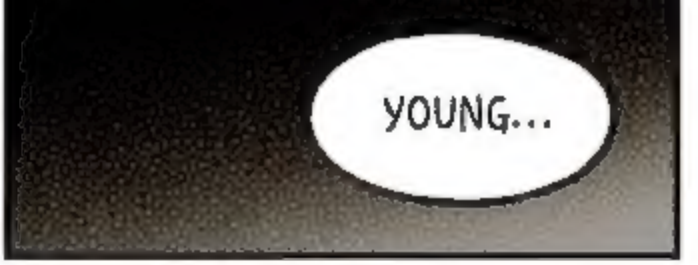
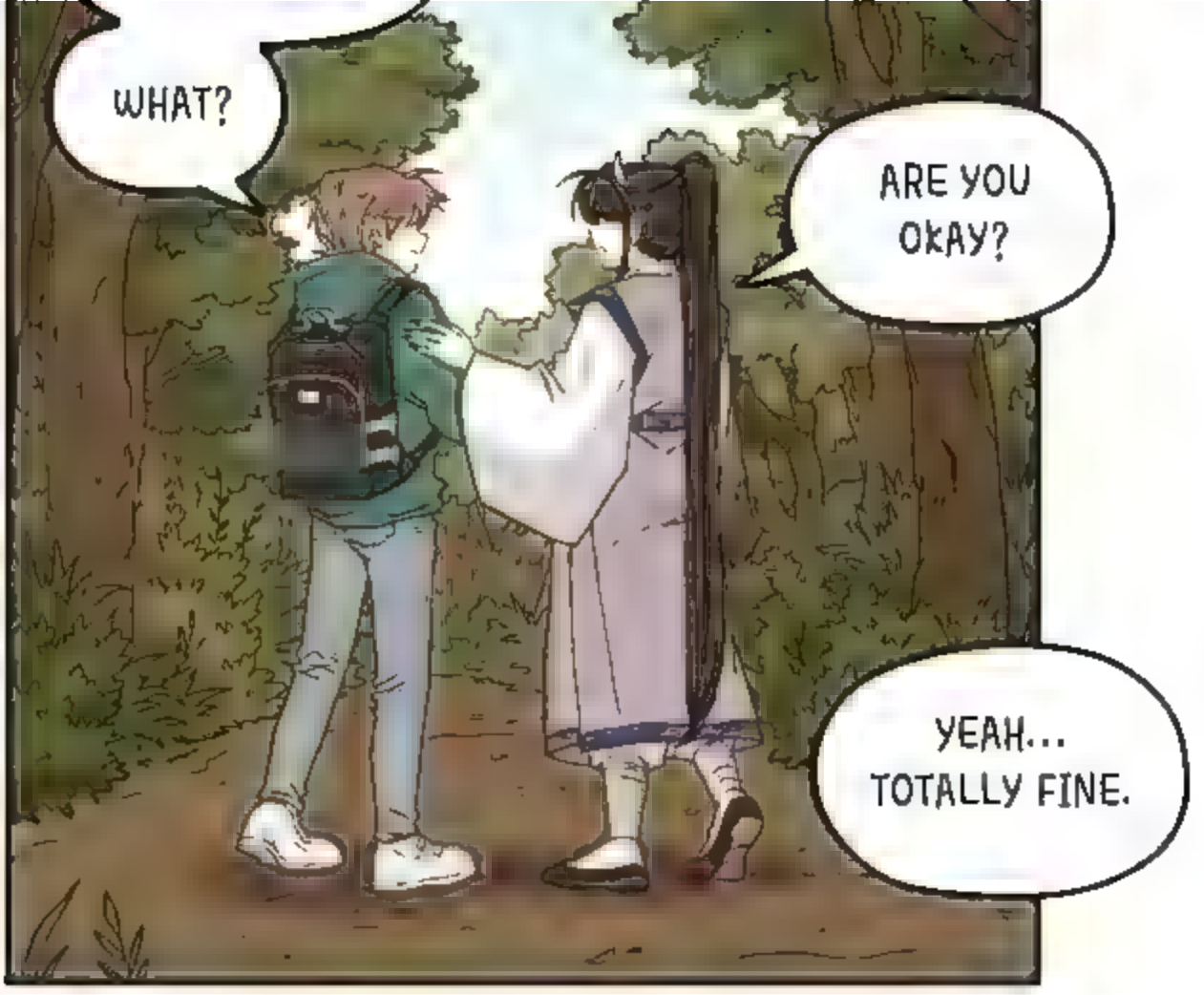

HEY...

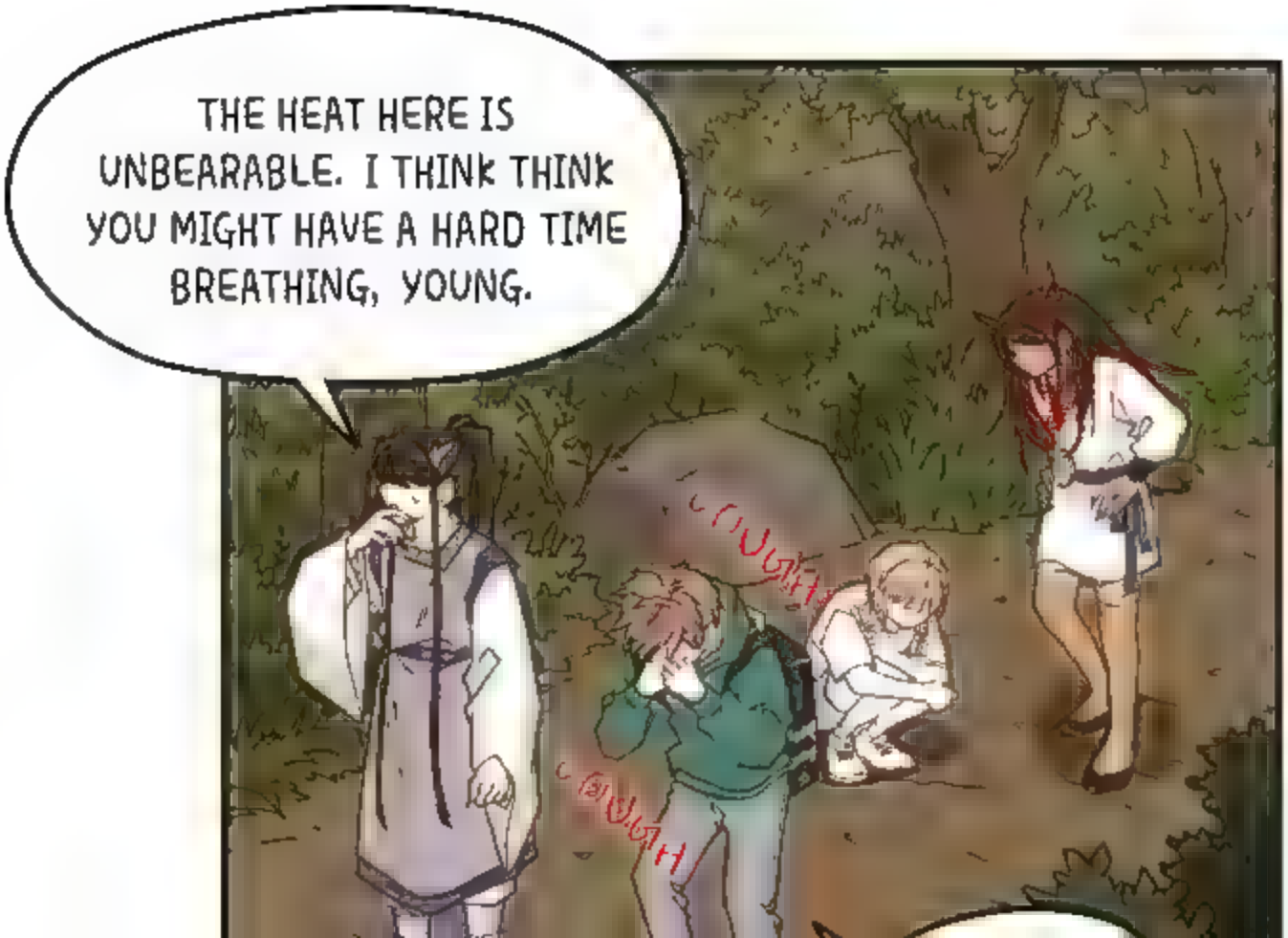

YOUNG...

YOUNG!
FLINCH
HUH?

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?


WHAT?
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH... TOTALLY FINE.

COUGH
...!

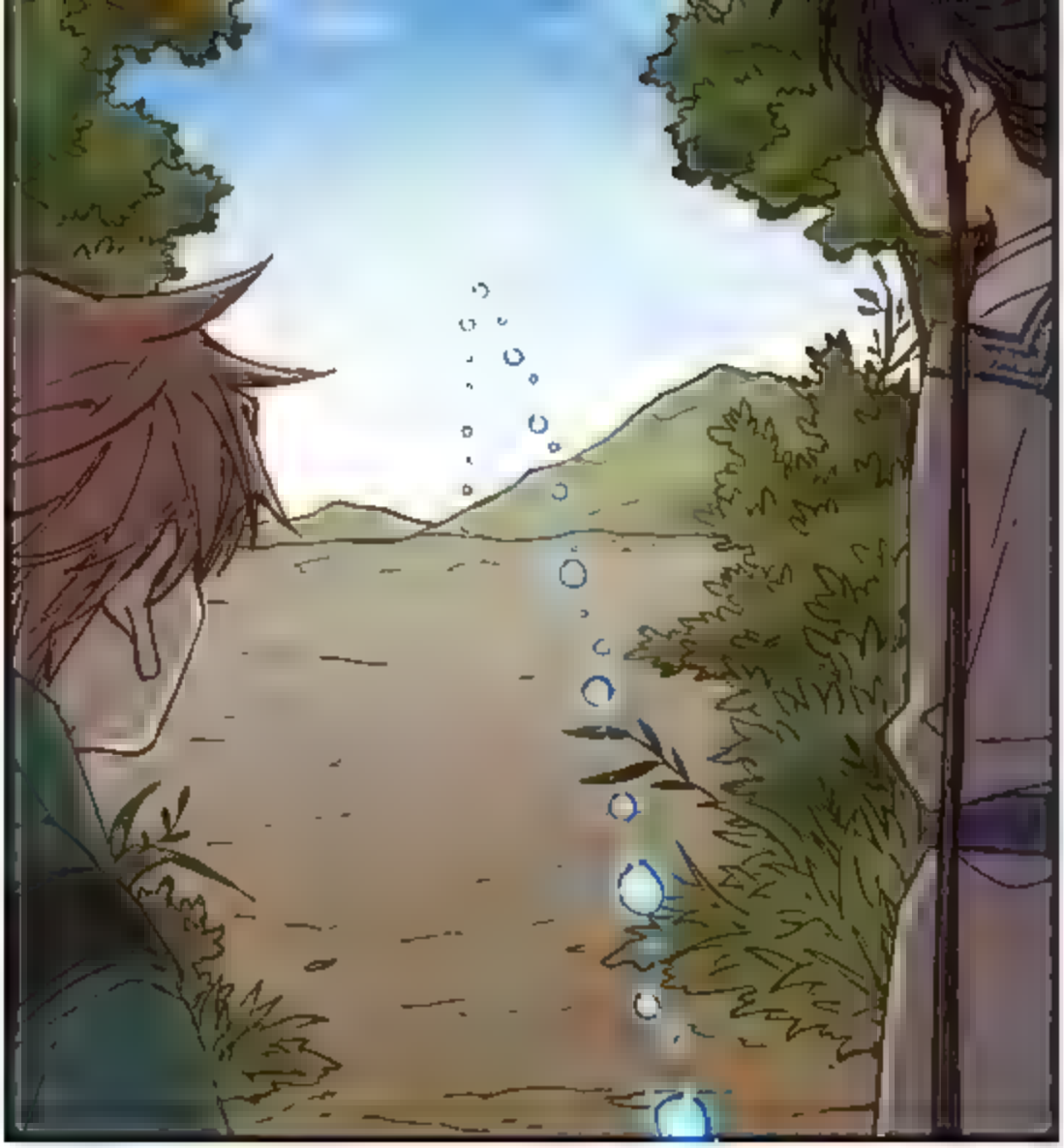

THE HEAT HERE IS UNBEARABLE. I THINK THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A HARD TIME BREATHING, YOUNG.
COUGH
COUGH

YEAH,
I CAN BARELY
BREATHE...

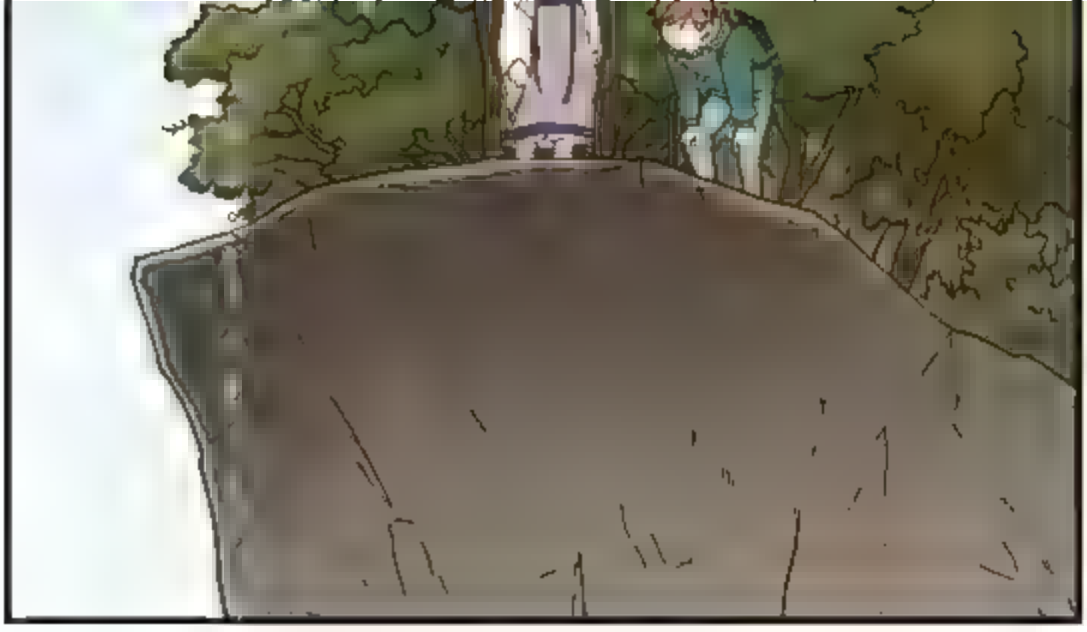
IS THIS
THE SPOT?
COUGH
WHERE'S
THE TONGUE?

WE'RE CLOSE,
BUT I THINK IT'D BE FOR THE BEST IF YOU STAYED HERE WITH MISS HARI.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
NO, I CAN KEEP GOING. I JUST NEED TO CATCH MY BREATH...

WELL, NO.
YOU CAN'T GO.
THE PATH IS
TOO DANGEROUS.
OH YEAH?
HOW BAD COULD
IT POSSIBLY BE--



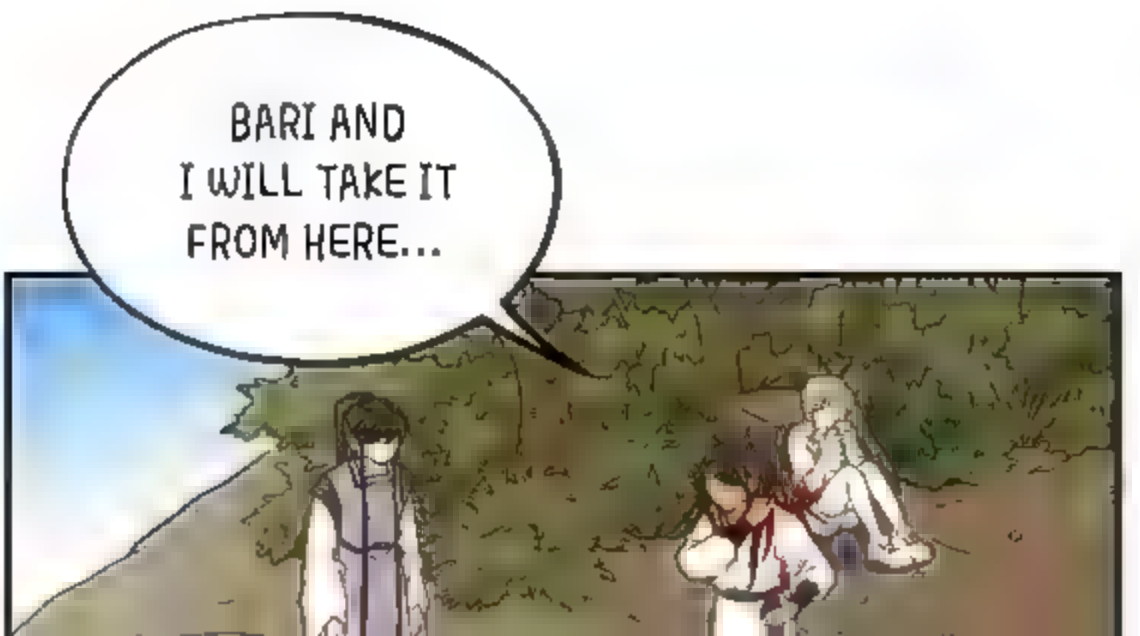
EH?

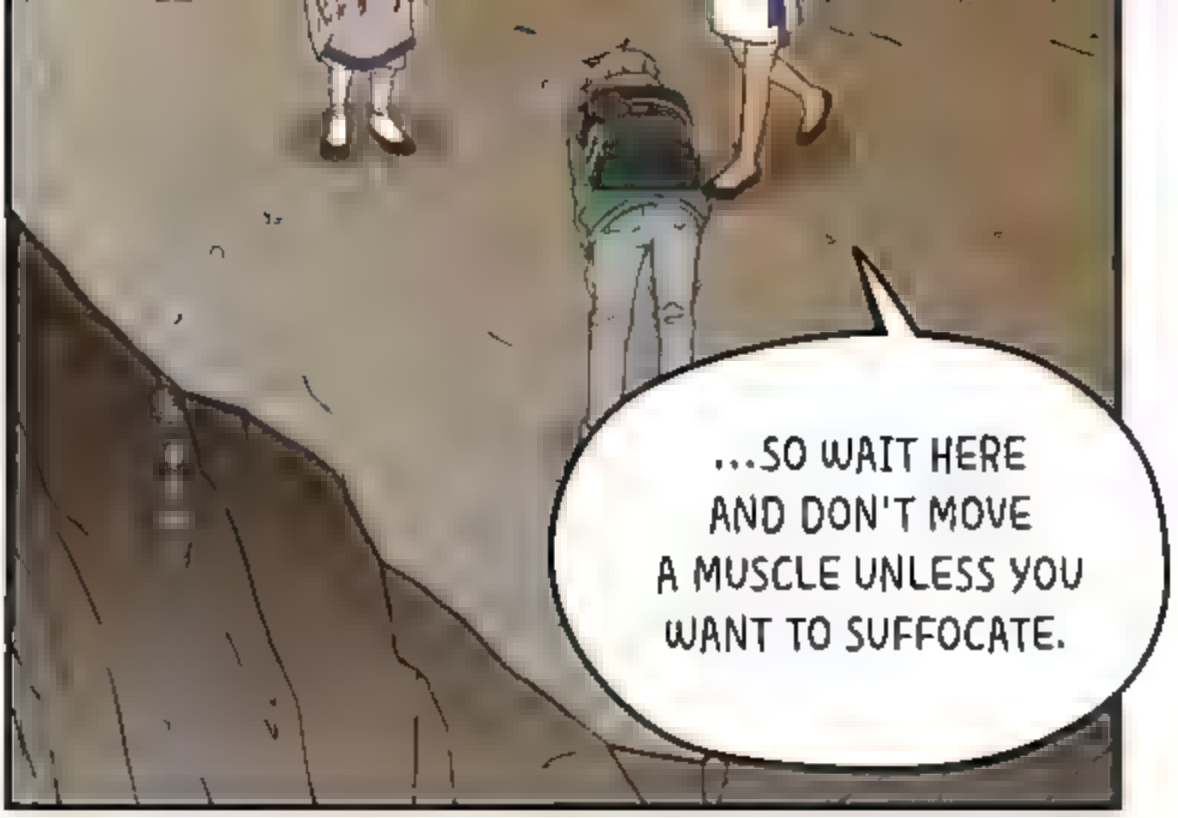


HUH...?

HEY,
SMART STUFF!

GET OVER HERE AND STAY WITH HER!


BARI AND I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE...


...SO WAIT HERE
AND DON'T MOVE
A MUSCLE UNLESS YOU
WANT TO SUFFOCATE.

WHAT...?
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?

!!
WHOOSH

SCRAPA

ゾRRRRRRRR

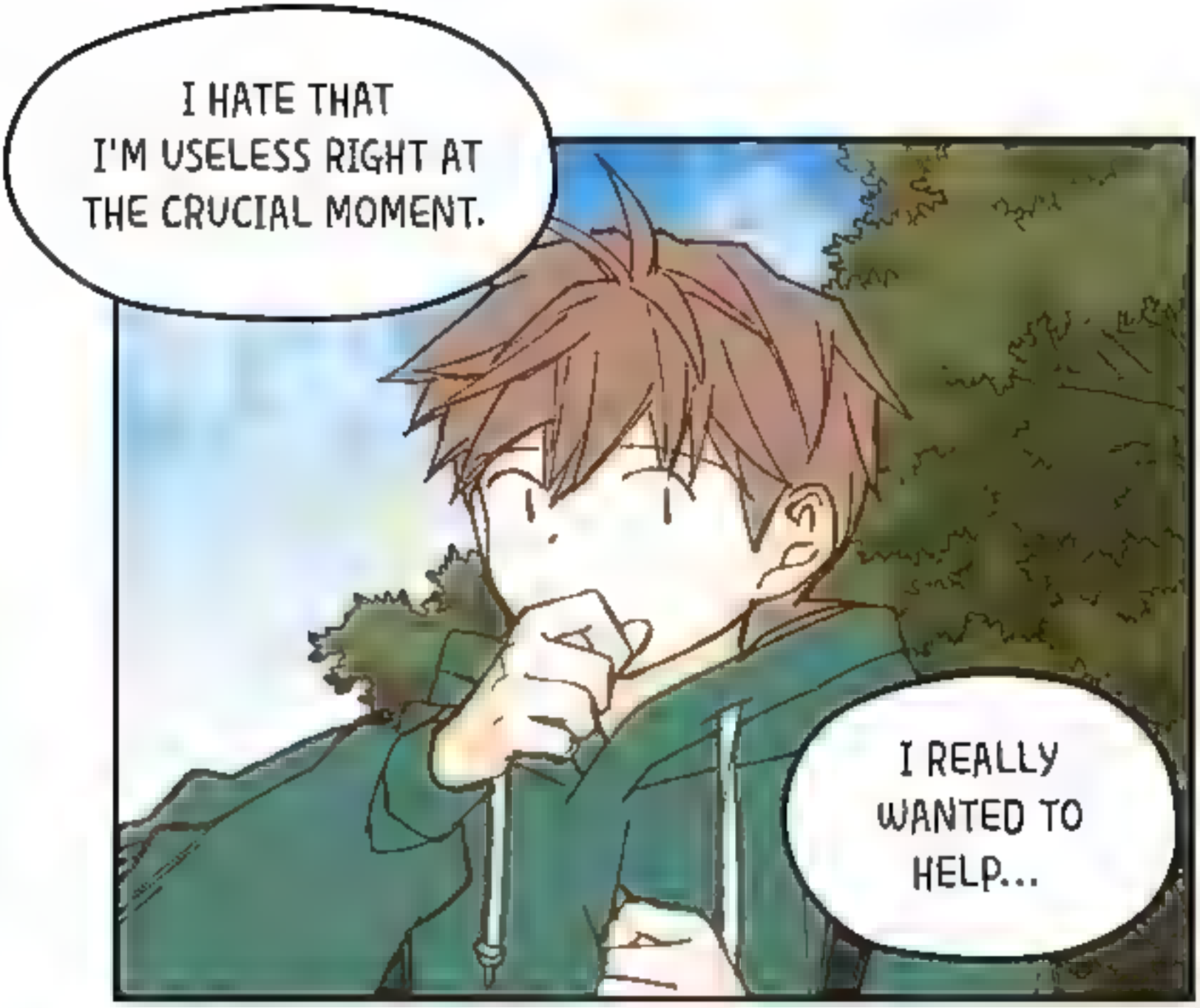
Y-YOU...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
...YOU COULD'VE WARNED ME...

SIGH

HARI...
ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH...
THANKS TO KWANGCHEOL.
COME OVER HERE AND SIT WITH ME.

...!
IT'S EASIER TO BREATHE OVER HERE.
PHEW


I HATE THAT I'M USELESS RIGHT AT THE CRUCIAL MOMENT.
I REALLY WANTED TO HELP...

SAME HERE...

IT FEELS LIKE EVERY TIME BARI'S IN TROUBLE,

I'M NO HELP AT ALL.

SO...
ARE YOU TWO BFFS TOO?

NO,
WE'RE JUST...

...AN IMOOGI AND
HIS ASSISTANT.

JUST TWO PEOPLE
BOUND TOGETHER AGAINST
OUR WILLS BECAUSE OF
PAST KARMA.

I HEARD
ABOUT YOUR KARMA,
HARI.

YOU'RE ALWAYS OBSESSING ABOUT FRIENDS BECAUSE OF THAT, RIGHT?

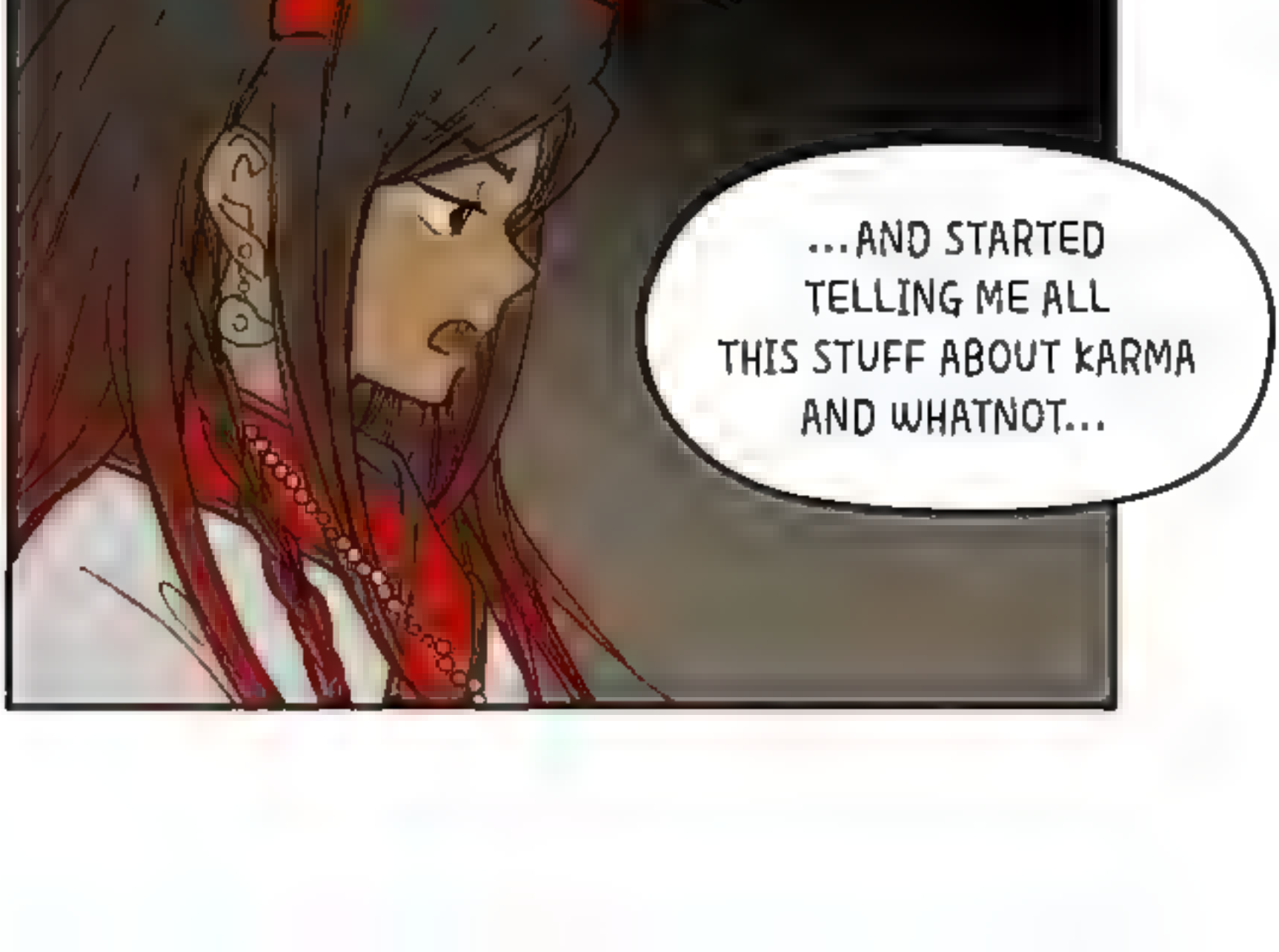
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU ANGRY?

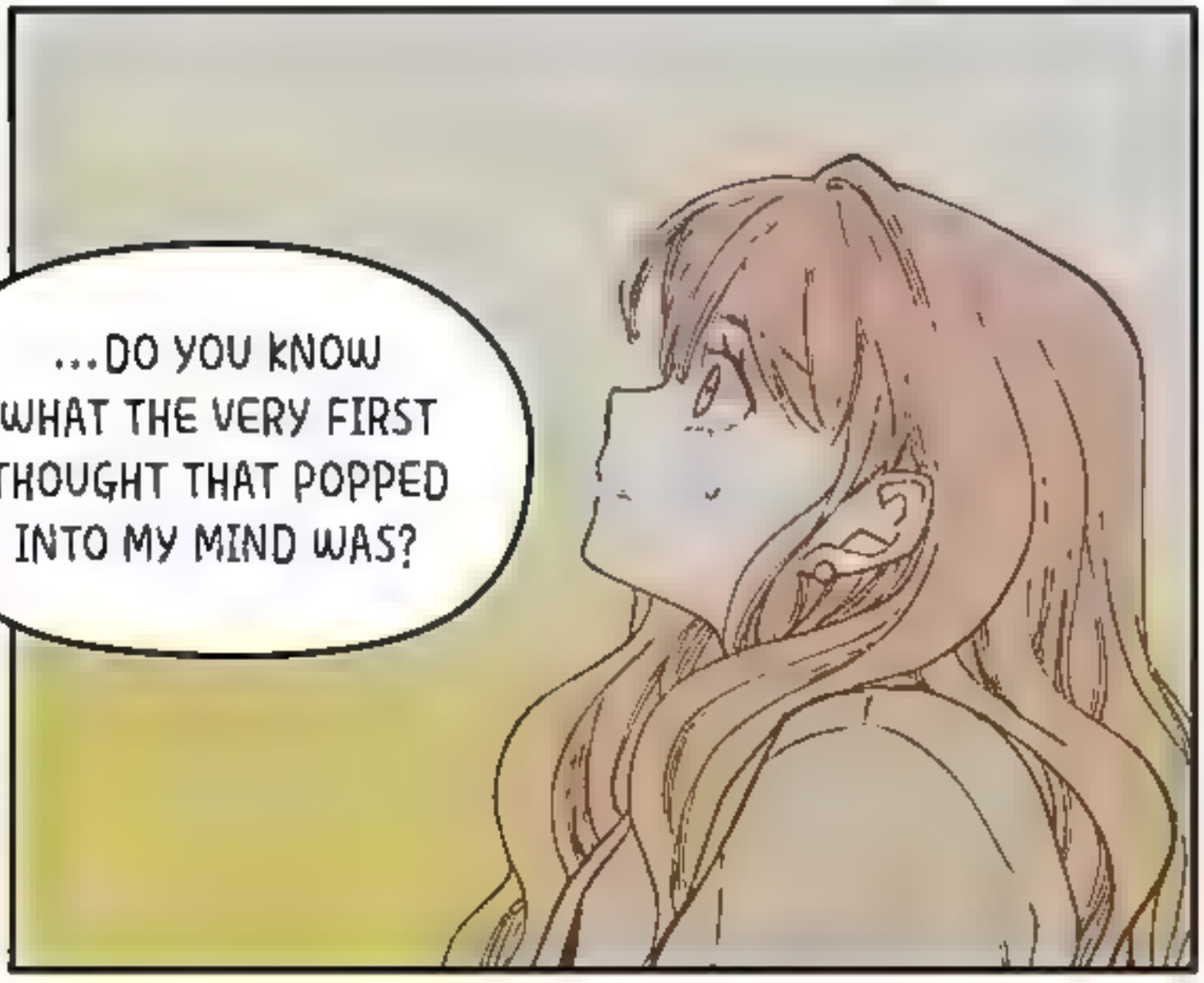
...

REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME WHEN YOU CAME TO SEE ME IN MY GREENROOM THAT ONE TIME?

YOU SAID WE'RE BOUND TO THE IMOOGI BY MISFORTUNE.

WHEN
kWANGCHEOL FOUND
ME...


...AND STARTED
TELLING ME ALL
THIS STUFF ABOUT KARMA
AND WHATNOT...


...DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE VERY FIRST THOUGHT THAT POPPED INTO MY MIND WAS?

OH...

SO IT WASN'T MY FAULT AFTER ALL.

MEAN...?

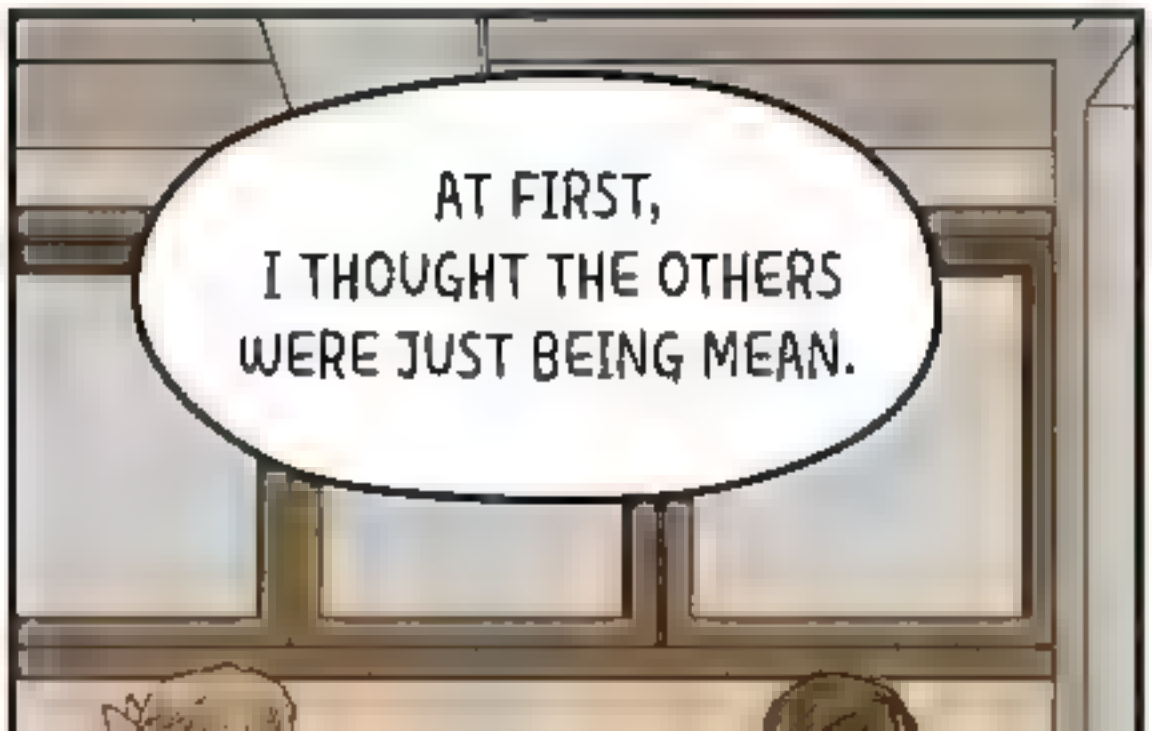
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TO ME ALL MY LIFE.

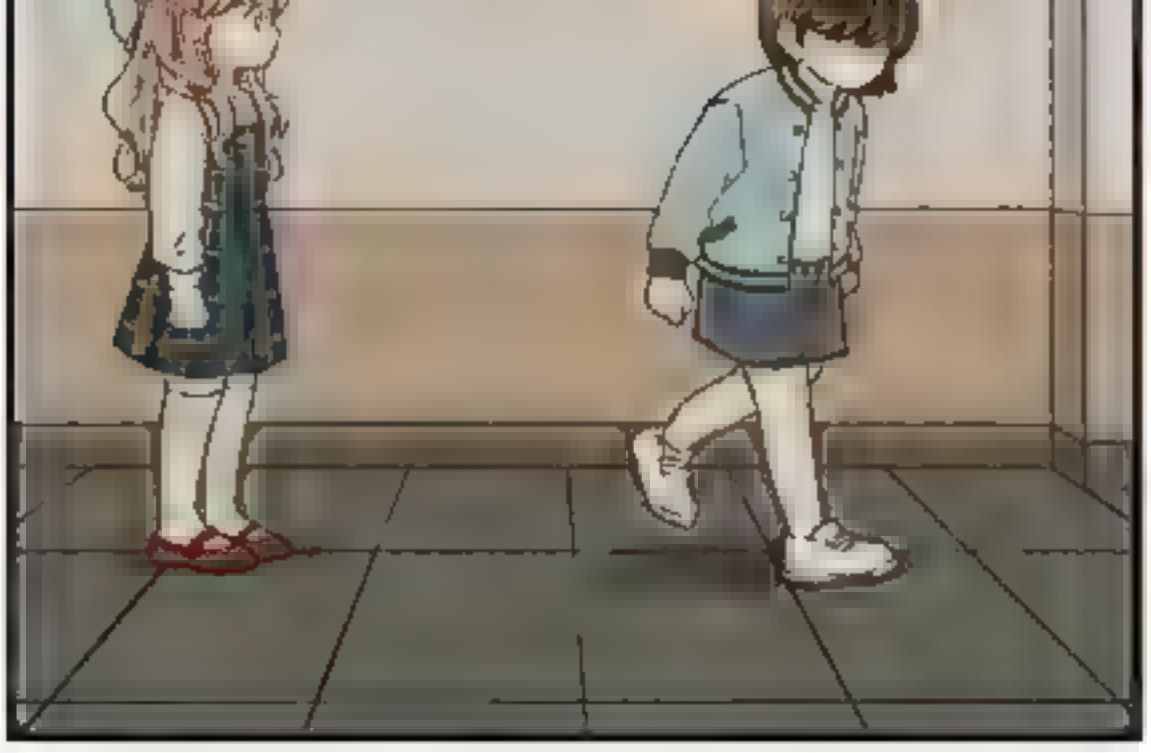
I HAD FRIENDS THAT MATTERED TO ME, PEOPLE I WANTED AS LIFELONG FRIENDS.

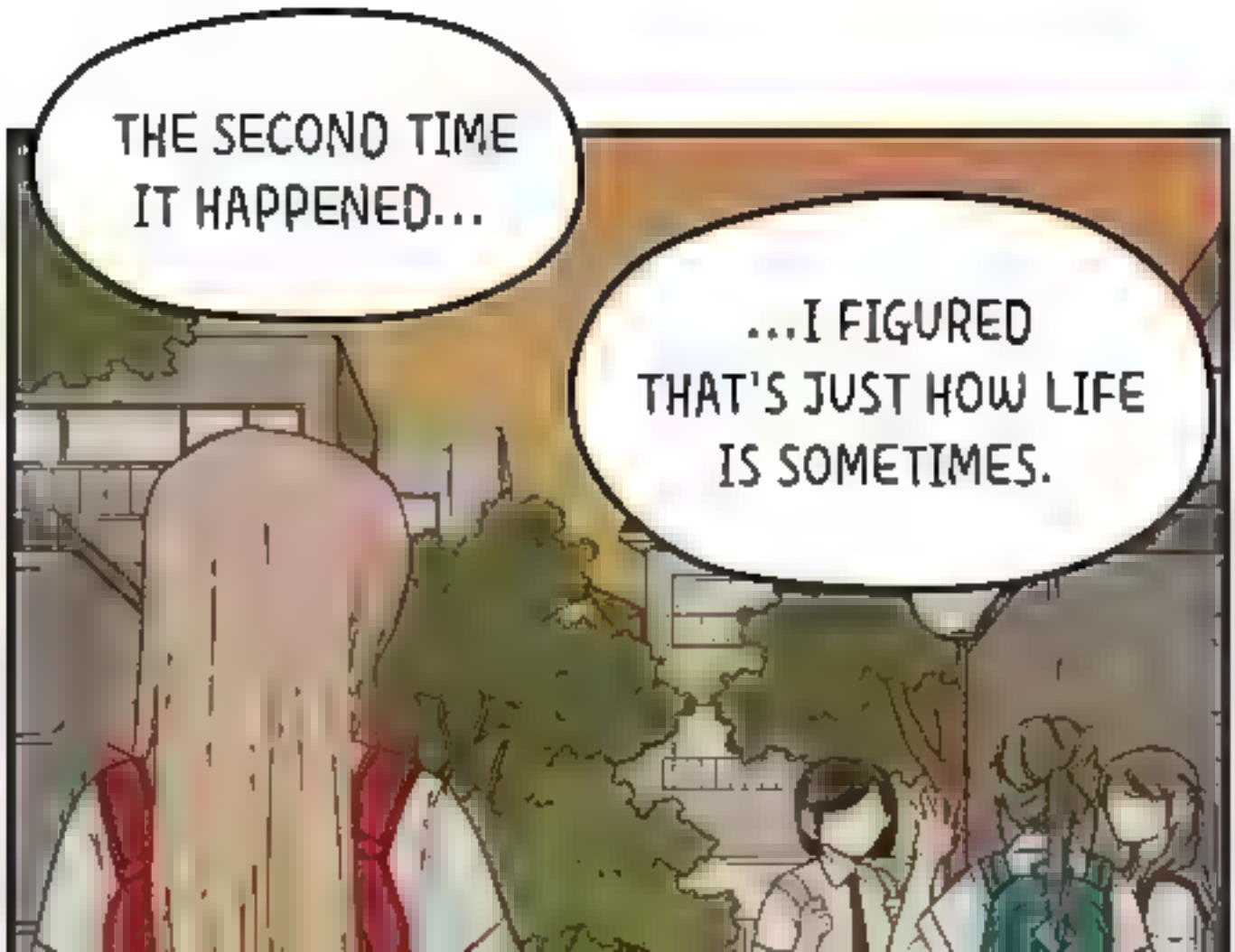
THERE WERE

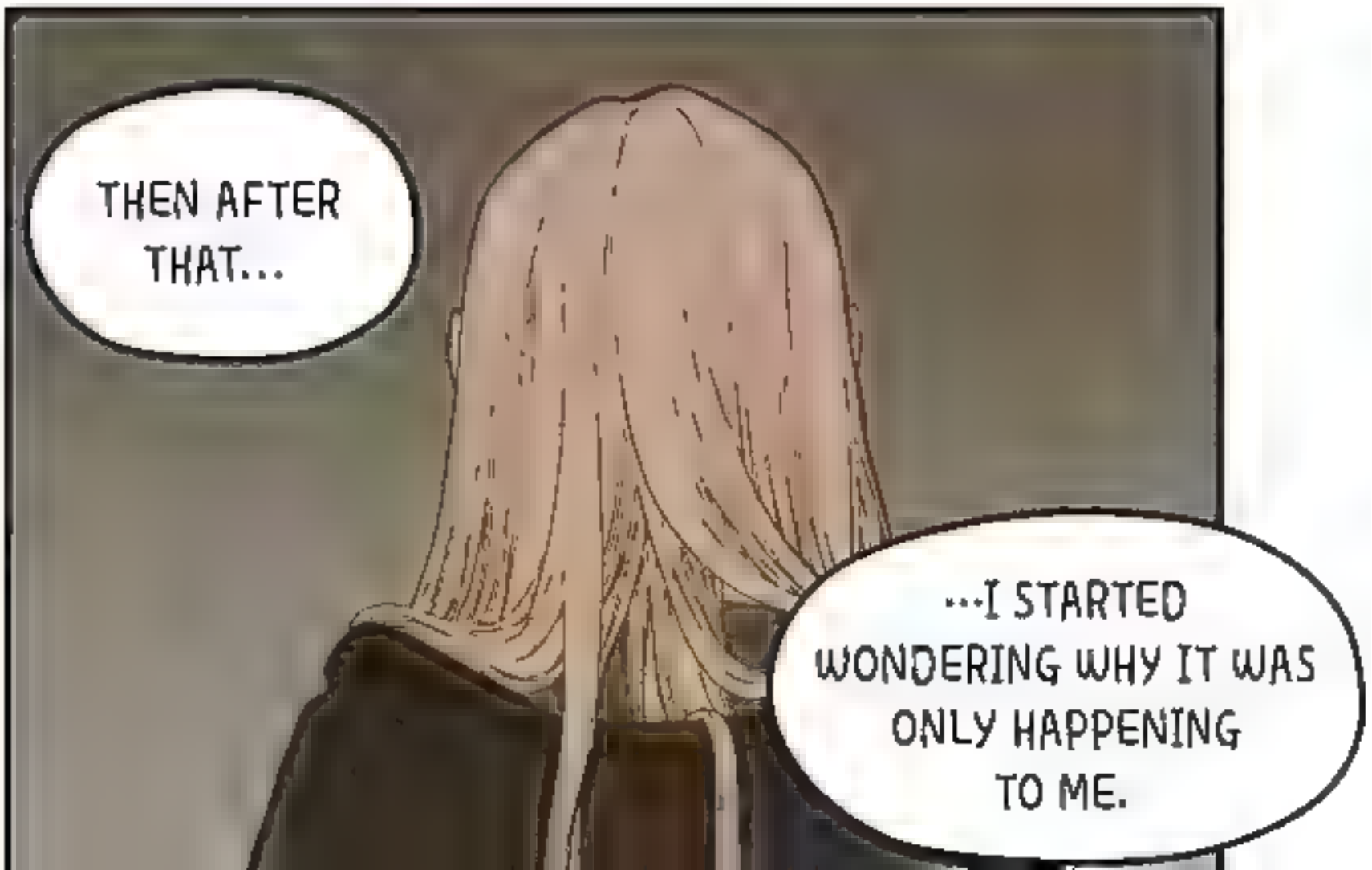
THOSE I COULD STAY UP ALL NIGHT TALKING TO AND NEVER RUN OUT OF THINGS TO SAY.

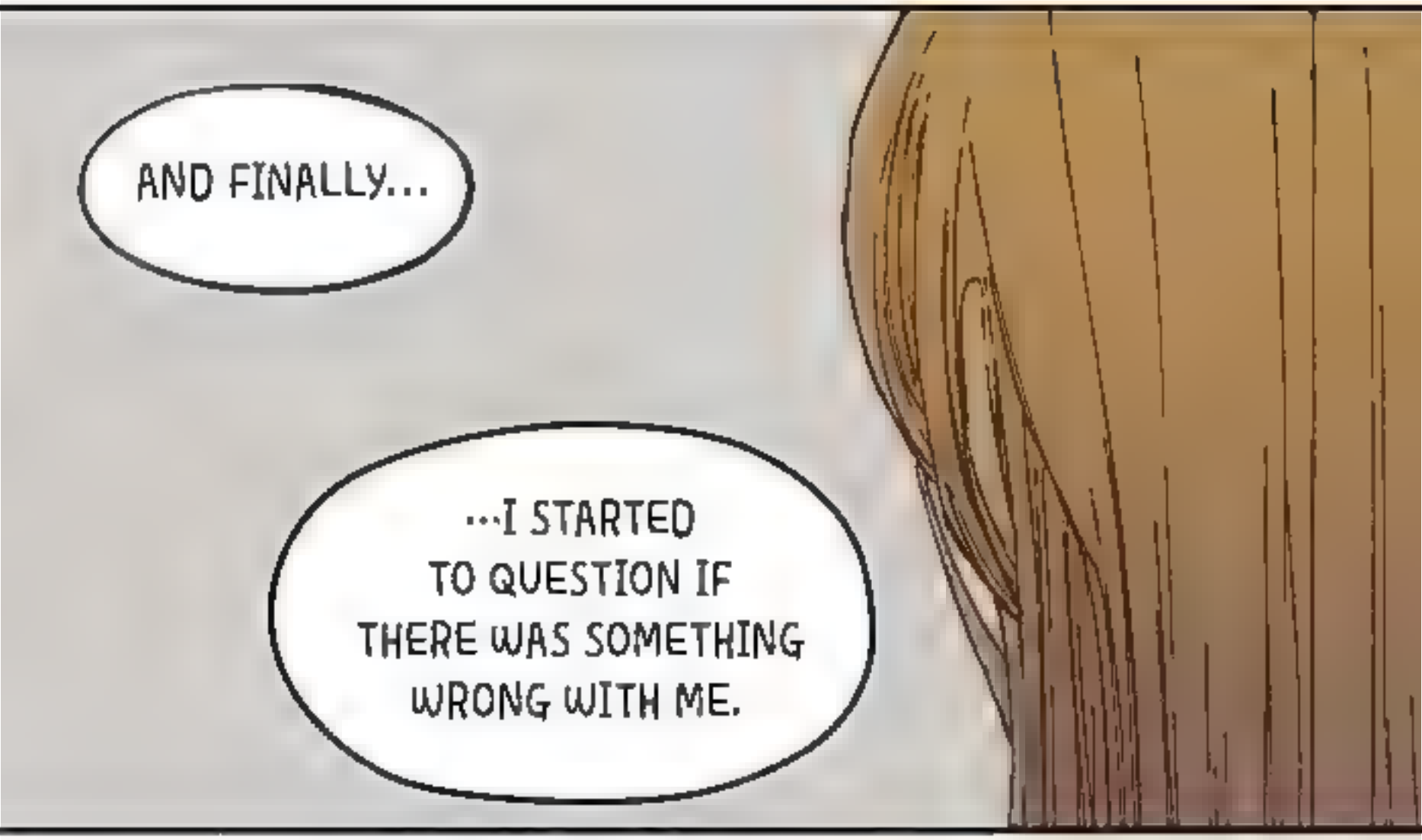
I WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED GIVING EVERYTHING I HAD TO SOME OF THESE CLOSE FRIENDS. BUT ALL THESE FRIENDSHIPS NEVER LASTED VERY LONG.

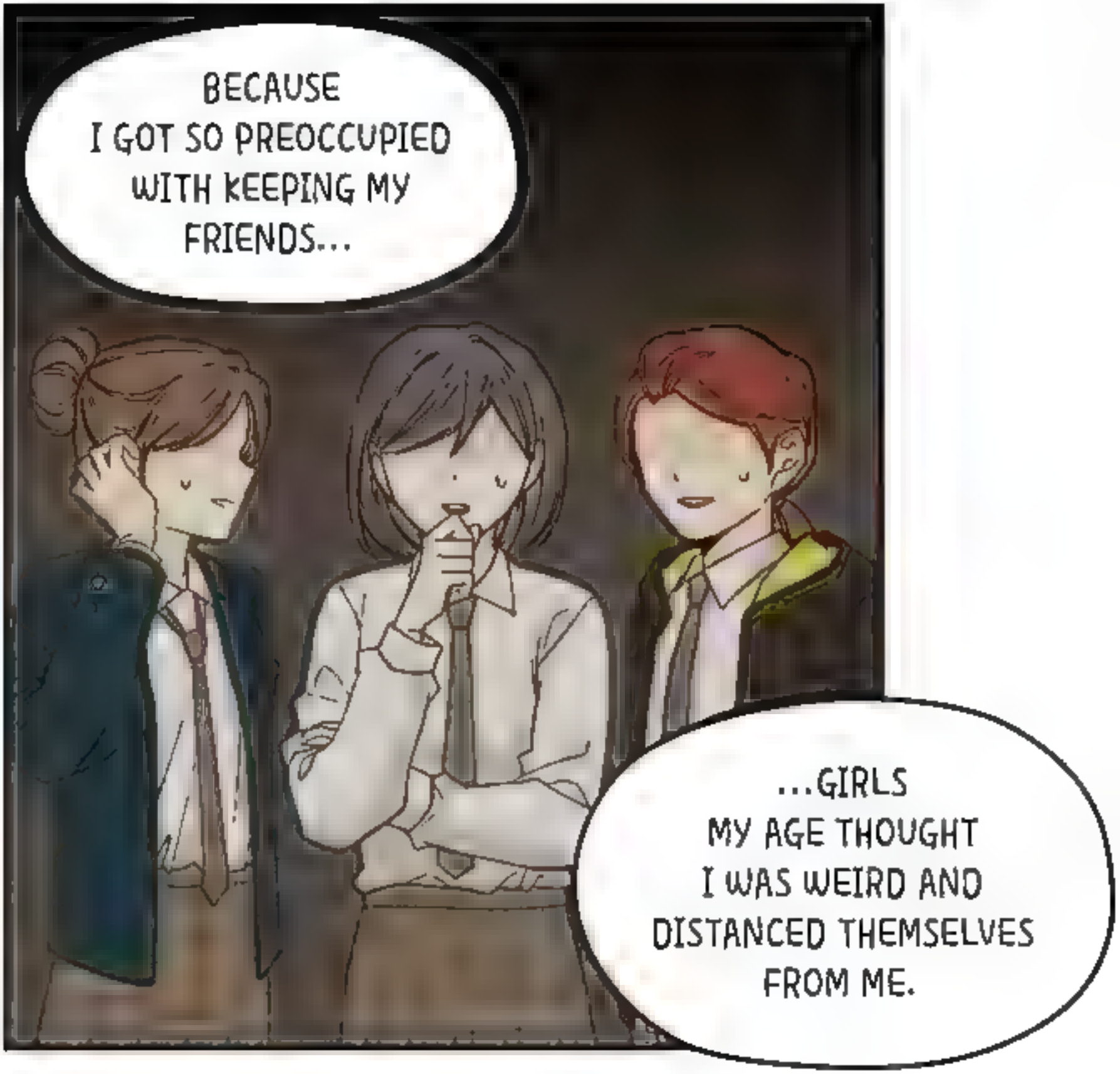





THE SECOND TIME IT HAPPENED...
...I FIGURED THAT'S JUST HOW LIFE IS SOMETIMES.

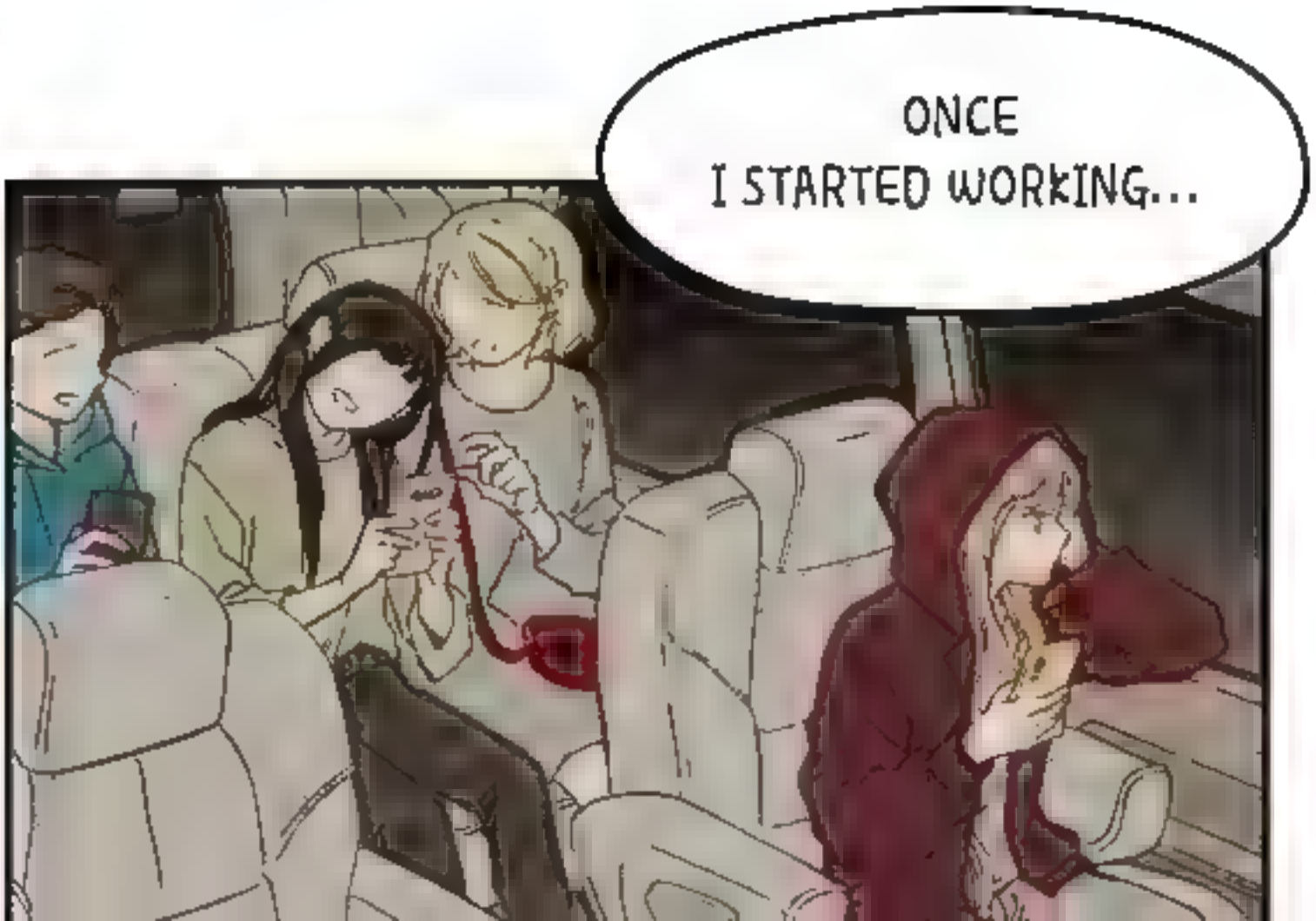

THEN AFTER THAT...
...I STARTED WONDERING WHY IT WAS ONLY HAPPENING TO ME.


AND FINALLY...
...I STARTED TO QUESTION IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME.


BECAUSE
I GOT SO PREOCCUPIED
WITH KEEPING MY
FRIENDS...
...GIRLS
MY AGE THOUGHT
I WAS WEIRD AND
DISTANCED THEMSELVES
FROM ME.

THE GUYS WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN DATING ME...

...EVEN THOUGH THEY ACTED LIKE THEY WEREN'T.


ONCE
I STARTED WORKING...

...IT GOT
EVEN HARDER TO MAKE
FRIENDS.

THIS WAS
ALWAYS ON
MY MIND.

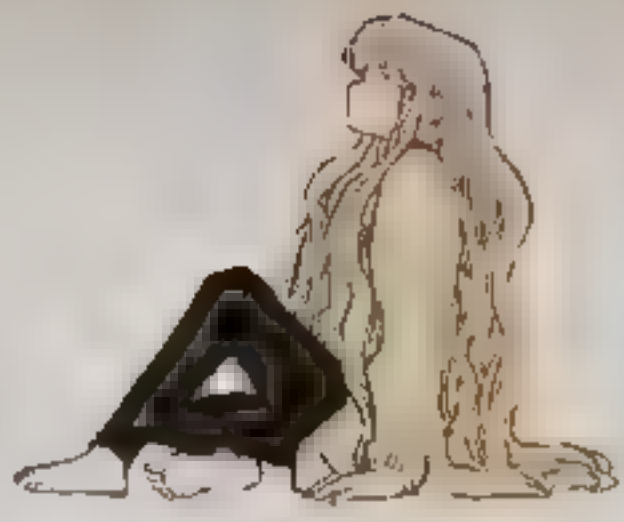
ALL
I WANTED WAS
A FRIEND

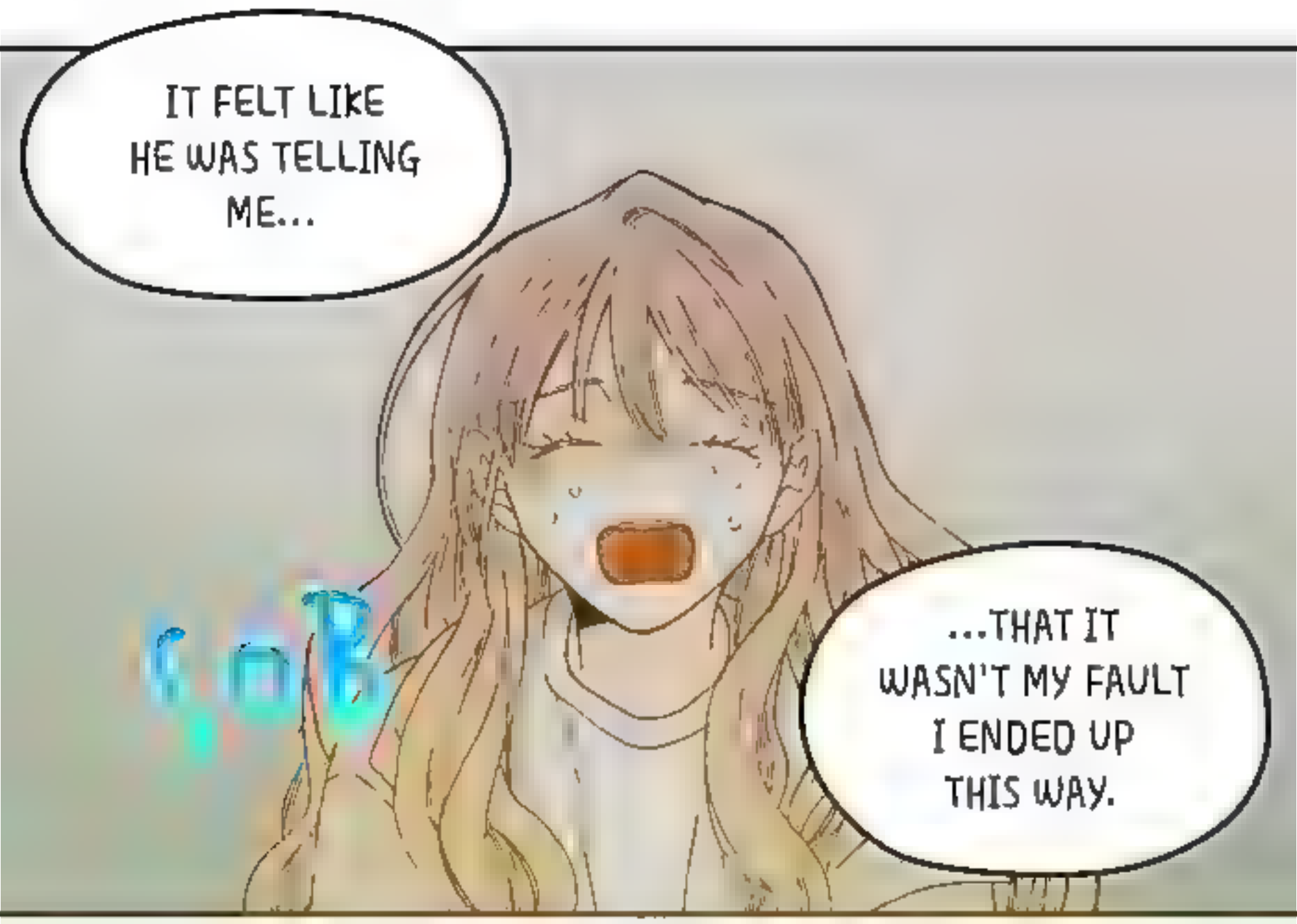
THAT I CAN
GET ALONG WITH
AND BE MYSELF
AROUND.

BUT I STARTED TO WONDER IF I WAS ASKING FOR TOO MUCH.

SO WHEN KWANGCHEOL CAME INTO MY LIFE...

...I HONESTLY WAS KINDA RELIEVED.




IT FELT LIKE HE WAS TELLING ME...
...THAT IT WASN'T MY FAULT I ENDED UP THIS WAY.

IT WAS AS IF THE FRIEND THAT I'D WAITED FOR SO LONG...

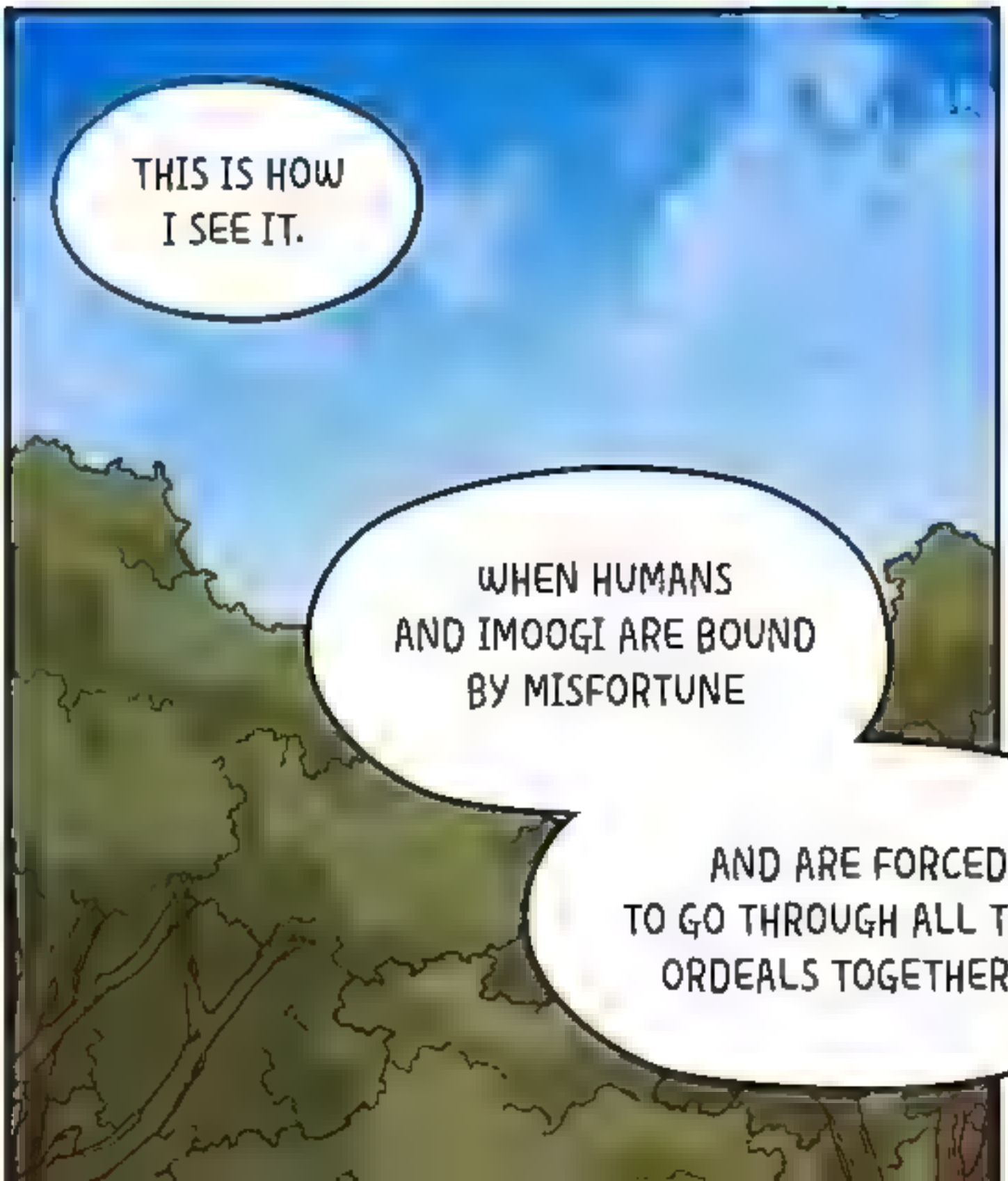
WHOOSH

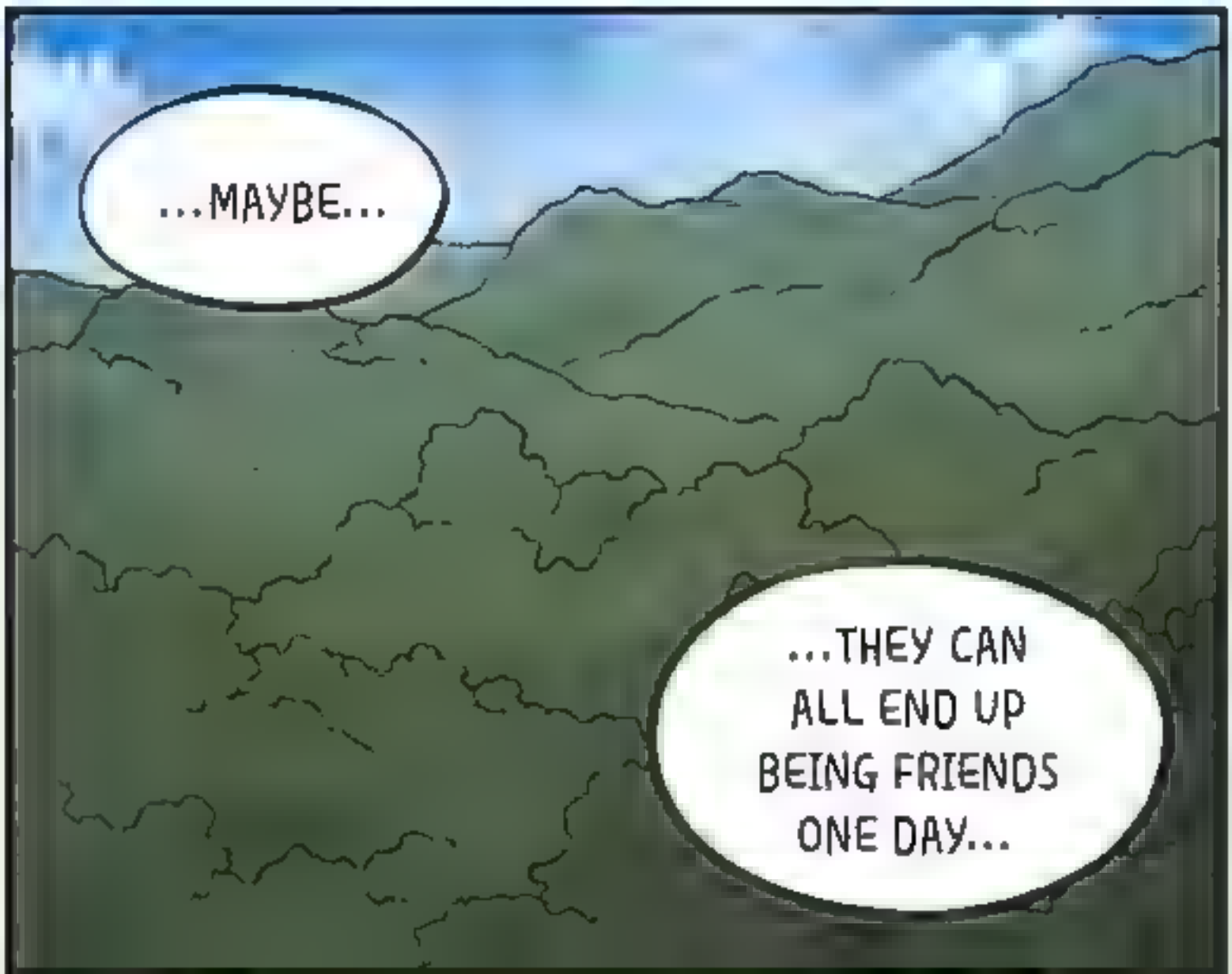
...HAD FINALLY APPEARED.

YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES, HARI. YOU CERTAINLY HAVE AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE ON THINGS.

THAT'S THE CONCLUSION SHE CAME TO?

AHAHA, I GET THAT A LOT.


THIS IS HOW
I SEE IT.
WHEN HUMANS
AND IMOOGI ARE BOUND
BY MISFORTUNE
AND ARE FORCED
TO GO THROUGH ALL THESE
ORDEALS TOGETHER...


...MAYBE...
...THEY CAN ALL END UP BEING FRIENDS ONE DAY...

OUR MOST SINCERE APOLOGIES...
AWKWAR

...FOR OUR BEHAVIOR EARLIER!

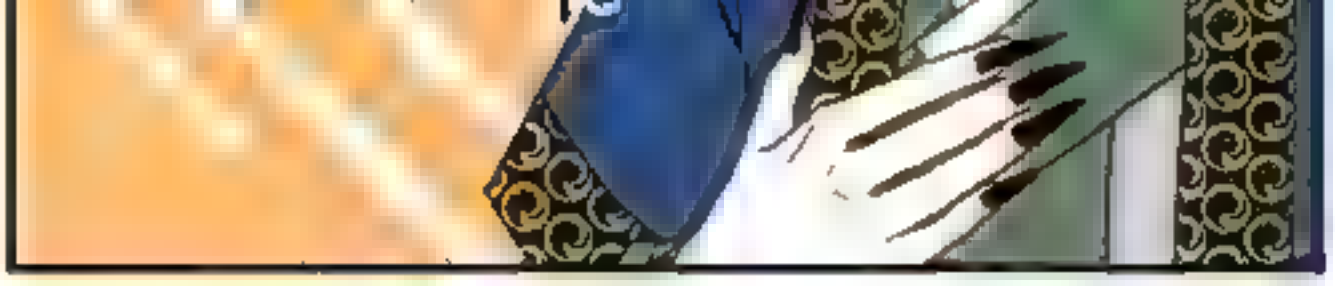
...

WHAT
IS IT THIS TIME?

DRAGON OF
THE SOYANG RIVER,
WE DID NOT WANT TO
DISGRACE OURSELVES
IN FRONT OF YOU
EARLIER,

SO WE TRIED TO
TONE DOWN OUR
EMOTIONS.

AHEM



BUT THE TRUTH IS...

...DESPITE THE FACT THAT HUON IS A MAN AND I AN IMOOGI...

...WE'RE ACTUALLY INSEPARABLE BROTHERS!

BUT YOU WOULD SACRIFICE SUCH A BROTHER TO ME AS AN OFFERING?

...!

FLINCH

WELL, HERE'S THE THING!

WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER VERY DEEPLY,
BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO CREATE A SCENE BY WEEPING AT THE LOSS OF THE OTHER.
SO WE STEELED OUR HEARTS AND ACTED AS IF WE DID NOT CARE!
THERES NO WAY SHES GONNA BUY THIS
OH, I SEE...

ALRIGHT, ENOUGH OF THAT.

YOU'VE BEEN YAWNING FOR A WHILE NOW, SO WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE?

RUN

!!!

WAIT,

YOU CAN HAVE COFFEE, RIGHT?

I MEAN, YOU LOOK LIKE A KID, SO...

!!!!

DUN DUN

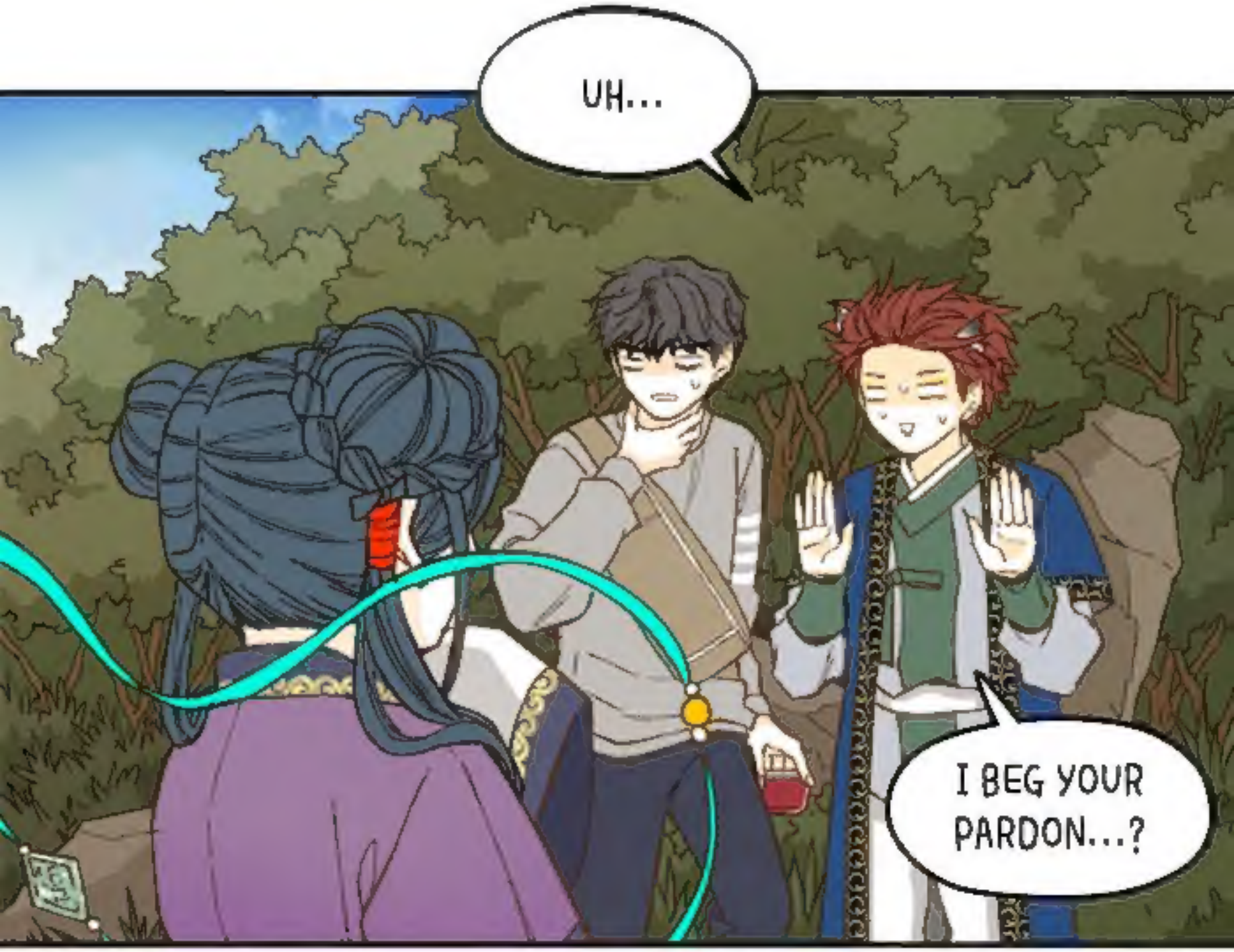
YOU LITTLE...

ARE YOU TRYING TO SCREW ME OVER?

IT WASN'T GOING TO WORK ANYWAY. DIDN'T YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HER FACE?

HOW DARE YOU...

GIVE IT HERE.


UH...
I BEG YOUR PARDON...?

I'D LIKE TO TRY...
...A CUP OF THAT.

...
WHAT...?
DID MY PLAN WORK?